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Sherman's men endured roads.

They crossed streams and rivers
on ponton and trestle bridges
They crossed icy water up to
their waist.

Wheeler's Cavalry and details of negro
soldiers had "filled bars, burned bridges
and made obstructions to impede Sherman's
Progress

There were skirmishes every day

The 2,500 wagons of the Army carried a full supply of ammunition and a large number of government stores. The initial food supply was eked out and systematic foraging upon the country was carried out

The soldiers tore up railroads, applied a torch to the railroad woodworks, twisted rails, destroyed all water tanks, engines & machinery